

REMARKS

Pending Claims:

In this application, claims 7-9, 18-24, 27-30 are currently pending. Claims 7 and 28 are amended by this Response.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §112 (paragraph 6)

In the Office Action, a rejection was made under 35 U.S.C. §112 (paragraph 6) to claims 7-9, 18-24, 27-30 because the Examiner regards the definition of the “wall” as indefinite. The independent claims 7 and 28 have been amended to clarify the location of the wall.

As set forth in more detail in the spec the “wall” is on the catheter body and it gives rise to the Coanda effect. Applicant has included in this action a copy of figures 16 and 17 with the wall section labeled in Red to indicate the location of wall called for in the claim to aid the Examiner in interpreting the claims.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

The Examiner has rejected claims 7-9, 18-24, 27-30 as being anticipated by Nash 6,524,323. The claim calls for “a stent deployment balloon for delivering stent treatment located near the distal tip of said elongate body” Nash does not have a stent deployment balloon on his catheter. In Nash at Fig 16 among others the stent is placed by a preceding operation and the Nash device is used later to “clean up” treatment site. For this reason Nash does not practice the claim or anticipate the claims.

Rejection under 35 U.S.C. §102(b)

The Examiner has rejected claims 7-9, 18-24, 27-30 as being anticipated by Fischell et al 5100425. Fischell shows an atherectomy balloon device while claim 7 calls for an angioplasty balloon and claim 28 calls for a stent deployment balloon. Since an atherectomy balloon is neither an angioplasty or stent deployment device the claims do not read on the Fischell disclosure.

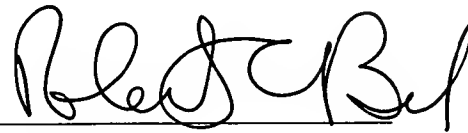
CONCLUSION

All of the claims remaining in this application should now be seen to be in condition for allowance. The prompt issuance of a notice to that effect is solicited.

Respectfully submitted,
SPRITE SOLUTIONS
By its attorneys:

Date:

10/5/06

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Robert C. Beck", written over a horizontal line.

Robert C. Beck
Registration No. 28,184
Beck & Tysver, P.L.L.C.
2900 Thomas Ave., #100
Minneapolis, MN 55416
Telephone: (612) 915-9635
Fax: (612) 915-9637

